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EVENTS

Using ARRA Funds for State Infant/Toddler Initiatives

May 18, 2010; 2 p.m. ET.

Danielle Ewen, director of Child Care and Early Education at CLASP, and Helen Blank of the [National Women's Law Center](#), will co-moderate a conference call that will discuss how states are using American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds to improve the quality of child care for infants and toddlers. This free audio conference call will be May 18 at 2 p.m. ET. [Learn more...](#)

Audio Call: The Public Benefits Boost: New Strategies for Increasing Take-Up

May 26, 2010; 12:30 p.m. ET.

CLASP will co-moderate *The Public Benefits Boost: New Strategies for Increasing Take-Up*. This audio call will discuss the role that public benefits can provide toward family stability. It will also provide an overview of the latest legislative developments, new lessons from research that can help practitioners deliver access to public benefits, and one state's success in dramatically boosting Medicaid uptake. The audio call will be May 26, 2010 from 12:30-1:30 p.m. ET. [Learn more...](#)

RESOURCES

Stay Teen Pregnancy Prevention PSA Art Contest Contest for Teens

Tell the teens in your life about the Stay Teen PSA Art Contest! Teens 13-19 are eligible to submit their artwork and ideas about teen pregnancy prevention. The National Campaign will be accepting entries by mail and online until September 30, 2010. Winning entries will be used by The National Campaign on postcards, posters, and other materials distributed nationwide. Winners will receive a \$250 gift card to spend however they choose. [Learn more...](#)

PUBLICATIONS

Quality Rating and Improvement Systems for Early Care and Education

Child Trends

A number of states are developing Quality Rating and Improvement Systems (QRIS) to assess and improve the quality of early care and education programs for children ages birth to five and older. This brief reviews the essential elements of a QRIS; summarizes evaluations of its impact on the quality of care and child outcomes; and identifies key considerations for developing a QRIS. [Learn more...](#)

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